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SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS TO COMPLETE APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated June 2, 2000, enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1) Copy of form PTO-1533,
- 2) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney,

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$964.00 to cover the filing fee, the excess claim fee and surcharge. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951 (Whitham, Curtis & Whitham).

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$144.
 - \$144 for 8 total claims over 20.
- · The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

• The balance due by applicant is \$ 964.

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